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HERE AND THERE.

What a short time a week is in which I recover from the fearful exertion of filling this column, and start out afresh to collect a new budget of news! It reminds one of sea-bathing, when the big wave comes, takes all your breath away and leaves you gasping, and you barely have time to collect your scattered senses before the second has engulfed you.

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Fortunately it doesn't require much exertion when the topics under discussion are so soothing and unworldly in their character as the subjects that occupy us this week, for the churches have been absorbing most of the attention lately.

On Monday night the Rev. A. F. Schauffler of New York, well known as one of the most enthusiastic of Sunday School workers, lectured before the Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian Church on life among the poor of New York. The title of the lecture was "Ruin and Rescue," and Dr. Schauffler illustrated his talk by most interesting pictures which vividly depicted the poverty and suffering, and also the work of relief which is being done. The lecture was full of information and bright anecdote, and made many among the listeners feel themselves to be both wiser and sadder.

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On Monday night the Rev. Mr. Jenkin of Montclair preached in Westminster Church, and again on Thursday evening. On Tuesday evening the audience had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Orville Reed of Montclair, and on Wednesday the Rev. Mr. Fisher, of South Orange.

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The Fortnightly which holds its regular meeting next week, will be postponed from Friday until Saturday evening, when it will meet at the residence of Mr. F. W. Capen to discuss the works of Thackeray.

Now that Lent is so nearly over, social matters are again beginning to show signs of life, and it is said that the young people will hold their last dancing sociable on Friday evening, April 11th in Glen Ridge Hall.

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The young people who are still younger have also something ahead, as invitations to a dance on Wednesday evening April 9th have been sent out by Miss Virginia Harrison, and it is understood that the ladies are requested to appear in masks and pink dominoes.

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Mrs. Louis Barrett left town on Wednesday for a visit to Richmond Va. where she expects to remain for several weeks.

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Miss Stallman and Miss Averill of Lee, Mass., have been for some time the guests of Miss Peck.

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S. P. Duffield, D. B. Duffield and R. S. Stewart of Detroit, Mich., are spending a few days with Mrs. S. W. Duffield.

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We hear that Mr. G. W. Cook has bought the house formerly occupied by Rev. Duncan Kennedy and is making extensive alterations.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Rudd have been spending several weeks at Atlantic City.

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It is with regret that the Ridgites are speaking of the departure from among them of Mr. and Mrs. James Wiggins, who return to New York to make their home there in future.

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As is customary on Easter Sunday there will be appropriate music rendered in connection with the service. Among the selections which will be sung at the First Church is a Te Deum by Kotschmar, an anthem—"They Have Taken Away My Lord" by Stainer and an arrangement of the Deus Misereatur in A flat by Dudley Buck.

At Westminster and at Glen Ridge the Communion Service will occupy the morning and the Easter service the evening.

At Westminster the music to be sung consists of Mendelssohn's Easter Hymn adapted by Dudley Buck, and the anthem "Behold I tell you a mystery."

Poor Little Alphonso XIII.

I often say that poor people must be fonder of their children than the wealthy are of theirs. There is such a poignant interest in a child who will have to face a sea of troubles. Poor little Alphonso XIII must be invested in his mother's eyes with an interest of that kind, being the posthumous son of a viveur of a bad constitution, who, having used himself up at the age of 26, died of a galloping consumption. A Spanish deputy told me last October that the poor little boy had no chance of a long life and that it would be rather a misfortune if he grew up. The nervous system was so bad that the doctors were afraid of having him bathed in the sea. A shock of any kind might knock it to pieces. His mother comes of the most epileptic branch of the imperial family of Austria.

Poor little Alphonso has, said the deputy I quote, fleshless little legs, with bones no thicker than a chicken's. They bend under the weight of an abnormally big head, which points to hydrocephalus. Altogether the conformation of the little monarch is a thing rather for an anatomical museum than to bear the weighty trappings of regal state. His mother is always in ear shot of him and the doctor handy to her. A corkscrew stair communicates with his and her bedrooms, and there is a speaking tube close to his bed, so that were anything the matter with him the nurse could at once tell her and the doctor. The king's two sisters promise to be winsome, and have fairly good constitutions, though their flesh is slow to heal. Mercedes, to whom I told you so early as November Spaniards here were beginning to make up as shown in "homages" of French toys, still nurses dolls. They noticed on the sands of San Sebastian what a weakling the poor brother was, and jumped to the conclusion that the crown would soon drop down on the head of his eldest sister. She and Theresa are very pretty and cheery. Mercedes is very like the queen of the Belgians, who was never either one or the other. Her majesty is an aunt of Queen Christiana.—Mrs. Crawford's Letter in London Truth.

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